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Summary

At its 2015 regular session, held from 26 January to 4 February and on 6 and 13 February 2015, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had before it 330 applications for consultative status, including 153 applications deferred from earlier sessions. Of the non-governmental organizations submitting those applications, the Committee recommended 124 for consultative status, deferred 176 for further consideration at its resumed session in 2015 and closed without prejudice consideration of the applications of 29 non-governmental organizations that had failed to respond to queries over two consecutive sessions of the Committee. It also took note of one non-governmental organization that had withdrawn its application. The Committee also had before it five requests for reclassification of consultative status; it recommended granting two of those requests. The Committee considered 10 requests for a change of name and took note of five of those requests. It also had before it 210 quadrennial reports, of which it took note of 172. It also took note of the request from two non-governmental organizations to withdraw their consultative status. The Committee heard 18 representatives of 39 non-governmental organizations that attended the session.

The present report contains three draft decisions on matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council.

By draft decision I, the Council would:

(a) Grant consultative status to 124 non-governmental organizations;

(b) Reclassify the consultative status of two non-governmental organizations;

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(c) Note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of five non-governmental organizations;

(d) Note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 172 non-governmental organizations;

(e) Close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by 29 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee;

(f) Note the withdrawal of an application by one non-governmental organization.

By draft decision II, the Council would take note of the withdrawal of consultative status requested by two non-governmental organizations.

By draft decision III, the Council would take note of the present report.

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I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

Draft decisions for adoption by the Council

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 124 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

Africa 21

African-British Returnees International

African Relief in Action

African Rights Initiative International

AGE Platform Europe

Aid for Trade Logistics

Al-Fidaa Foundation

Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

Arab Forum for Environment and Development

Asociación de Técnicos Superiores y Peritos Judiciales de Andalucía

Asociación para la Promoción de la Libertad y el Desarrollo Sostenible

Association "Paix" pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l'injustice

Association pour la défense des droits de développement durable et du bien-être familial

Association pour l'éducation, la santé et la promotion des femmes et des enfants au Cameroun

Beirut Institute

Boy with a Ball Ministries

Campaign for Human Rights and Development Sierra Leone

Canadian Pugwash Group

Canterbury Business Association

Center for Religion and Diplomacy

Centre d'encadrement et de développement des anciens combattants

Centre européen de recherche et de prospective politique

Centre for Community Regeneration and Development

China Society of Administrative Reform

Citizens United to Promote Peace and Democracy in Liberia

Comité Permanente por !a Defensa de los Derechos Humanos

Count of Monte Alea Foundation

Dacia Revival International Society

Deaf Aid

Development Action for Women Network

"Dialogue of Cultures — United World" International Public Charity Fund

Dóchas: The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations

Equal Rights Trust

Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee

Europäischer Interessenverband Handel-Gewerbe-Industrie

European Health Psychology Society

Fonds Tara

Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America

Founders Development Organization Badin

Freedom from Hunger

Friendship Ambassadors Foundation

Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos

Fundación Crisálida

Fundación Luz María

Ganja Agribusiness Association

Global Forum on Human Settlements

Global Network for Rights and Development

Global New Car Assessment Programme

Good Helpers

Groupe d'action pour la promotion socioculturelle et l'alphabétisation: nouvelle énergie

Groupement romand d'études des addictions

Hazrat Javad-al-Aemeh Cultural Charity Institute

Health and Humanitarian Aid Foundation

Help4help

Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee

Institute of Development Studies

International Brain Education Association Foundation

International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons

International Development Information Organization-DevNet

International Falcon Movement — Socialist Educational International

International Geothermal Association

International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association

International Islamic Youth League

International Thai Foundation

International Volunteer Organization for Women, Education and Development

Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center

Islamic Research and Information Artistic and Cultural Institute

Kawish Resource Center

Kids Included Together

Kiyana Karaj Group

Korea Green Foundation

Korean Association for Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals

Korean Bar Association

League of Persons with Disabilities

Ligue marocaine de la citoyenneté et des droits de l'homme

Mayama

Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic

Mongolian Family Welfare Association

Mouvement national des jeunes patriotes du Mali

NABU — Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries

National Organization for Marriage Education Fund

National Shooting Sports Foundation

New Progressive Alliance

Nigerian Network of Women Exporters of Services

Non-profit Non-Governmental Expert Society on Space Threat Defense

Northern Citizen Community Board

Observatoire mauritanien des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie

Organization for Research and Community Development

Peivande Gole Narges Organization

Peramangk Heritage Association

Rare

Réseau des plateformes d'organisations non gouvernementales d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre

Reyhaneh Nabi Art and Cultural Center

Roshd Foundation

Sahkar Social Welfare Association

Sam Kader Memorial Fund

Samdong International Association

Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organization

Schools without Borders

Shia Rights Watch

Sindh Community Foundation

Skyian Welfare Organization

Society for Recovery Support

Society of Collective Interests Orientation

Solidarité Suisse-Guinée

Sonke Gender Justice Network

Support Humanity Organization

Trennungsväter

Tronie Foundation

United Deeds (Actions concertées)

Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya

Villages unis (United Villages)

Viridis Institute

Visión para el Desarrollo

Washington and Lee University

Well-Being Foundation

Women Support Center

Women's Empowerment Group

World Assembly of Youth

World Association for al-Azhar Graduates

World Togolese Foundation

Zamani Foundation

Zimbabwe Women Resources Centre and Network

(b) To reclassify the following two non-governmental organizations from special to general consultative status:

Convention of Independent Financial Advisors

International Health Awareness Network

(c) To note that the Committee decided to take note of the change of name of the following five non-governmental organizations:

Americans for UNFPA (special, 2002) to Friends of UNFPA

Berlin Civil Society Center (special, 2014) to International Civil Society Centre: convening capacity-building research

Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran (special, 2010) to Family Health Association of Iran

International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (special, 2000) to International Presentation Association

World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (Roster, 2002) to World Forum on Shooting Activities

(d) To note that the Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of the following 172 non-governmental organizations:[1]

Action aides aux familles démunies

Africa Centre for Citizens Orientation

Afro Centre for Development Peace and Justice

Al-khoei Foundation

Alliance Defending Freedom

Americans for UNFPA

Anti-Slavery International

Argentine Society of Pediatrics

Asian Institute of Transport Development

Asian Legal Resource Centre

Asociación Civil Consorcio Desarrollo y Justicia

Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas (2009-2012)

[1] The reports listed are for the period 2010-2013, with the exception of seven reports for the period 2009-2012 and one report for the period 2008-2011, as indicated in the list with the dates in parentheses.

Assembly of First Nations — National Indian Brotherhood

Associação Brasileira de Gays, Lésbicas e Transgeneros (2009-2012)

Associação de Mulheres contra a Violencia

Association apprentissage sans frontières

Association for Aid and Relief (Japan)

Association internationale des droits de l'enfant en difficulté et dans la souffrance

Association of Medical Doctors of Asia

Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme

Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII

Ayande Roshan Nokhbegan Foundation

Azerbaijan Women and Development Center

Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights

Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

Brazilian Foundation of America

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Canadian Federation of University Women

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Cause première

Center for Policy Studies

Center for Public Health

Centre Europe-tiers monde

Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement

Child Care Consortium

China International Council for the Promotion of Multinational Corporations

China Society for Human Rights Studies

Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament

Chinese Young Volunteers Association

Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement

Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement

Comité national d'action pour les droits de l'enfant et de la femme

Commonwealth Human Ecology Council

Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs

Dominican Leadership Conference

Dones per la Llibertat i Democràcia

Drug Free America Foundation

Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration

Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization

Education International

Egyptian Association for Educational Resources

Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness

Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria

Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance

Family Africa

Family Planning Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Family Research Council

Federation of National Representations of the Experiment in International Living

Fondation Chantal Biya

Fondation généreuse développement

Fondation Suisse Maroc pour le développement durable

Free World Foundation

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Fundación Eudes

Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer

General Arab Women Federation (2009-2012)

General Confederation of Trade Unions

Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement

Global Afrikan Congress

Global Alliance against Traffic in Women

Greenpeace International

Hawa Society for Women

Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries

IFENDU for Women's Development

Il Cenacolo

Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society

Imam Al-Sadr Foundation

Imamia Medics International

Ingénieurs du monde

International Association for Women's Mental Health

International Association of Lions Clubs

International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations

International Cooperative Alliance

International Council of Chemical Associations

International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (2009-2012)

International Council of Societies of Industrial Design

International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services

International Environmental Law Research Centre

International Federation of Family Associations of Missing Persons from Armed Conflicts

International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (2009-2012)

International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres

International Federation of Training and Development Organizations

International First Aid Society

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission

International Health Awareness Network

International Higher Education Academy of Sciences

International Investment Centre

International La Strada Association

International Network for Sustainable Energy

International Psychoanalytical Association Trust

International Relations Students' Association of McGill University

International Society of Doctors for the Environment

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population

International Women's Year Liaison Group

Interregional Union of Life Help for Mentally Handicapped Persons "Sail of Hope"

Intersos Humanitarian Aid Organization

ISIS: Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange

Israel Women's Network

Italian Association for Aid to Children

Jesuit Refugee Service

José Marti Cultural Society

Khiam Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture

Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women

Kongres Wanita Indonesia

Korea Freedom Federation

Korea International Volunteer Organization

Korean National Council of Women

Leonard Cheshire Disability

Liberians United to Expose Hidden Weapons

Maasai Aid Association

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic

Mennonite Central Committee

Miracle Corners of the World

Movimento Italiano Casalinghe

Mujer para la Mujer

National Association of Vocational Education of China

National Federation of International Immigrant Women Associations

National Rehabilitation and Development Centre

Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples

Network "Earth Village"

Network of Women's Non-Governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran (2009-2012)

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Organization for the Solidarity of the Peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America

Oxfam International

Pacific Women's Watch (New Zealand)

Parliamentarians for Global Action

Pew Environment Group

Physicians for Social Responsibility

Plan Sweden

Playdoo (Côte d'Ivoire)

Presbyterian Church USA

Presse emblème campagne

Rainforest Foundation

Real Women of Canada

Relief International (2008-2011)

Rissho Kosei-kai

Saint Petersburg Institute of Bioregulation and Gerontology of the North-Western Branch of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences

Samaj Kalyan O. Unnayan Shangstha

School Sisters of Notre Dame

Secours populaire français

Secure World Foundation

Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem

Teresian Association

To Love Children Educational Foundation International

Traditions pour demain

UNESCO Association of Guwahati

Unión de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba

United Nations Watch

United Network of Young Peacebuilders

Viva Rio

War Resisters International (2009-2012)

Wildlife Conservation Society

Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building

Women Power Connect

Women's Right to Education Programme

Women's Welfare Centre

(e) To close without prejudice the request for consultative status made by the following 29 non-governmental organizations after the organizations had failed to respond to queries over the course of two consecutive sessions of the Committee:

Action on Armed Violence

AFD International Belgium

APMM Company

Apne Aap Women's Collective

Asia Journalist Association

Azad Foundation

Computer and Communications Industry Association

Fundación Alisos

Genre en action

HAQ: Centre for Child Rights

International Ombudsman Institute

Internationale Vrije Vrouwen Stichting

Islamic Medical Association of North America

Kasheer Foundation

Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi

Middle East Children's Institute

Nobel Women's Initiative

North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity

Palpung Munishasan Dharmachakra Sangh

Peer Consultants

People for Equality and Relief in Lanka

Perpetual Succour for Women and Children Initiative

Rehabilitators

Scandinavian Institute for Human Rights Norway

Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics

Senos Ayuda

Skillshare International (India) Trust

United Hatzalah

Women's Information Center

(f) To note the withdrawal by the following one non-governmental organization of its application for consultative status:

Hizmet Relief

Draft decision II
Withdrawal of consultative status of non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the request for withdrawal of consultative status by the following two non-governmental organizations:

Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development

International Holistic Tourism Education Centre

Draft decision III
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 regular session

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2015 regular session.

II. Applications for consultative status, requests for reclassification and quadrennial reports received from non-governmental organizations

2. At its 1st to 14th meetings, held from 26 January to 4 February and 6 February 2015, the Committee considered agenda items 3 (a), Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee; and 3 (b), New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations (E/C.2/2015/R.2 and E/C.2/2015/R.2/Add.1-17);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing new requests for reclassification to be considered by the Committee (E/C.2/2015/R.3);

(c) Compilation of applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held from 2008 through 2014 (E/C.2/2015/CRP.1);[2]

(d) Compilation of deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from sessions of the Committee held from 1998 to 2012 (E/C.2/2015/CRP.2);[2]

(e) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2015/CRP.3);[2]

(f) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations requesting a change of name (E/C.2/2015/CRP.4);[2]

(g) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from non-governmental organizations for a change of name deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2015/CRP.5);[2]

(h) Memorandum by the Secretary-General containing requests from two non-governmental organizations for withdrawal of their status owing to the dissolution of their organizations (E/C.2/2015/CRP.7).[2]

[2] Conference room papers are on file with the Secretariat and are available for consultation.

A. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

3. The Committee considered item 3 (a) of its agenda, Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee, at its 5th to 9th meetings and 12th to 14th meetings, on 29 January to 2 February and on 4 and 6 February 2015. The Committee considered a total of 153 deferred applications for consultative status.

Applications recommended

4. The Committee recommended that the Council grant consultative status to 26 organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

African Rights Initiative International

AGE Platform Europe

Boy With a Ball Ministries

Center for Religion and Diplomacy

Comité Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos

Equal Rights Trust

European Health Psychology Society

Freedom from Hunger

Fundación Centro Latinoamericano de Derechos Humanos

Global Network for Rights and Development

Good Helpers

Institute of Development Studies

International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons

International Falcon Movement — Socialist Educational International

Islamic Research and Information Artistic and Cultural Institute

Kiyana Karaj Group

Korea Green Foundation

Korean Bar Association

National Organization for Marriage Education Fund

National Shooting Sports Foundation

Skyian Welfare Organization

Sonke Gender Justice Network

Trennungsväter

Tronie Foundation

World Association for al-Azhar Graduates

Zimbabwe Women Resources Centre and Network

Applications deferred

5. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 97 non-governmental organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee during its 2015 regular session:

Access Now

Active Help Organization

Advocates for International Development

Africa Unite

Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte

Akshaya Patra Foundation

Al-Dameer Association for Supporting Prisoners and Human Rights

All-Ukrainian Association of Civil Organizations "Union of Armenians of Ukraine"

Al-Marsad, the Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Golan Heights

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace

Asia Center for Human Rights

Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention Bahrain Young Ladies Association

Assyrian Aid Society of America

Assyrian National Congress

Avocats sans frontières (France)

Bureau international pour le respect des droits de l'homme au Sahara occidental

Business and Professional Women Voluntary Organization — Sudan

Center for Constitutional Rights

Center for Media and Peace Initiative

Centre catholique international de Genève

Centre Zagros pour les droits de l'homme

Child Rights Information Network Christian Solidarity Worldwide

Collectif des familles de disparu(e)s en Algérie

Committee to Protect Journalists

Congrès national des Arméniens occidentaux

Coordination des associations et des particuliers pour la liberté de conscience

Dalit Foundation — Ahmedabad

Droits de l'homme sans frontières

Earth Charter Associates

ECCO2 Corp

Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género

Freedom Now

F W de Klerk Foundation Trust

Geneva Institute for Human Rights

Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health

Hokok Coalición Internacional contra la Impunidad

India Media Centre

Institut de Drets Humans de Catalunya

Institute for Human Rights and Business

International Association of Genocide Scholars

International Dalit Solidarity Network

International Green Economy Association

International Human Rights Commission Relief Fund Trust

Iran Human Rights Documentation Center

Islamic African Relief Agency

James Madison University

Jewish Renaissance Foundation

Kuki Organization for Human Rights Trust

Lawfare Project

Leadership Foundation

Legal Resources Centre

Let's Breakthrough

Medsin-UK

Mittetulundusühing Fenno-Ugria Asutus

Mother Helpage (UK)

Muslim Aid

Muslim Hands

National Center for Civil and Human Rights

National Development Youth Club, Jaran Wali Gali Poonch

National Secular Society

National Women's Welfare Society Darwha Yavatmal District

New Era Educational and Charitable Support Initiative

New World Hope Organization

Nigerian Diaspora Youths Movement for Peace and Development International Organization

Palestinian Return Centre

Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays

Peace and Hope International

Population Matters

Profesionales por la Ética

Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina Asociación Civil

Rural Development Institute

Segretariato Permanente dei Premi Nobel per la Pace

Shah Maqeem Trust

Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association

Sikh Human Rights Group

Simons Foundation

Stichting Global Human Rights Defence

Stichting Samenwerkingsverband IKV — Pax Christi

Stichting Soham Baba Mission

Stichting War Child

Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests

Swadhikar

Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture

Tripura Foundation

United Sikhs

Virtual Activism

Warbe Development Foundation

West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation

Women Living under Muslim Laws — International Solidarity Network

Women's Freedom Forum

Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America

Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Youth Foundation of Bangladesh

Youth of European Nationalities

Zaka Rescue and Recovery

Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux

6. At its 7th meeting, on 30 January, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Congrès national des arméniens occidentaux.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Azerbaijan posed questions on the activities of the organization; the questions were followed by a statement by the observer for Armenia. In his statement, the observer for Armenia highlighted the important contributions made by non-governmental organizations to the work of the United Nations and the importance of their engagement with the Organization. He also expressed regret that two Committee members continued to exercise a selective and discriminatory approach to considering applications from civil society groups and repeatedly posed questions to the Armenian diaspora organizations. He reiterated the call for a constructive and impartial approach to considering the organization's application.

8. The representative of Azerbaijan stated that the session was the first time his delegation had posed a question to the organization and stressed that the Committee members performed their duties in an impartial manner. He appealed to observer States to follow the rules regarding their participation in the work of the Committee. The representative of Turkey underlined that Turkey strongly supported the involvement and active participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nation and emphasized that Turkey had traditionally adopted an impartial and constructive approach in the evaluation of all applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status. He added that regardless of the name or origin of non-governmental organizations, the only criteria Turkey followed in the review of applications was whether the organizations were in compliance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Freedom Now

9. At its 8 meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Freedom Now and posed questions to the non-governmental organization. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed to keep the application open until 6 February.

10. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Freedom Now for the second time.

11. The representative of Azerbaijan expressed concern about the application of the organization and stated that its website contained incorrect information regarding the detention of so-called human rights activists in Azerbaijan. He added that the persons listed on the website had been arrested for committing crimes under the laws of his country. He urged the organization to respect the legal system of sovereign States and not to question their validity. He therefore requested that the organization correct all erroneous information presented on its website. The representative of the Sudan, in supporting the representative of Azerbaijan, requested that the organization provide a response to the request made by Azerbaijan. The representative of the United States of America stressed that the request for consultative status by the organization had been pending before the Committee for five years and that the organization had answered over 40 questions, was doing important human rights work and deserved to be accredited with the

Council. The representative requested all members of the Committee to ask further questions at the current session so that the Committee could take a decision on the organization at its resumed session. The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application.

Global Network for Rights and Development

12. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Global Network for Rights and Development. At the same meeting, the representative of the Sudan recalled that the organization had been under review since 2011 and highlighted the excellent work of the organization, adding that it was registered in Norway, Switzerland and Belgium and had cooperated fully with local authorities. He stressed that it was supported by the African Union and deserved to be recommended for consultative status with the Council. The representatives of China, Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania and the Russian Federation expressed support for the representative of the Sudan. The Committee posed questions to the non-governmental organization and agreed to keep the application open until 6 February.

13. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee considered the application of the non-governmental organization Global Network for Rights and Development for the second time.

14. At the same meeting, the representative of the Sudan requested action to recommend granting the organization consultative status, under rule 59 of the rules of procedure of the Council. The representative of Greece pointed out that some members of the Committee had expressed reservations and had posed questions regarding the work of the organization and that the Committee should strive to work towards a consensus. The representative of the United States stated that rushing to a vote was not in line with the previous practice of the Committee and added that the organization was promulgating false information on its website about the participation of the United States in one of its events, which was brought to the attention of the Committee only on that day. She stressed that her delegation had requested additional time so that the organization could respond to all the questions that the Committee had posed to it. The representative of the Sudan did not withdraw his request and the Chair proceeded with the vote.

15. The non-governmental organization was recommended for consultative status by a roll-call vote of 15 to 2, with 2 abstentions. All 19 members of the Committee were present and voting. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Azerbaijan, Burundi, China, Cuba, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Russian Federation, South Africa, Sudan, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Greece, Turkey.

Applications closed without prejudice

16. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee decided to close without prejudice consideration of the applications of 29 non-governmental organizations that had not responded to the Committee's questions despite three reminders sent to the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I (e)).

17. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee took note of the request made by the following non-governmental organization for withdrawal of its deferred application for consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I (f)):

Hizmet Relief

B. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

18. The Committee considered item 3 (b) of its agenda, New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification, at its 1st to 4th and 10th and 11th meetings, from 26 to 29 January and on 3 February 2015. The Committee considered a total of 177 new applications for consultative status.

New applications recommended

19. Of the 177 organizations whose new applications had been received, the Committee recommended that the following 98 organizations be granted consultative status with the Council (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (a)):

Special consultative status

Africa 21

African-British Returnees International

African Relief in Action

Aid for Trade Logistics

Al-Fidaa Foundation

Alliance for Nuclear Accountability

Arab Forum for Environment and Development

Asociación de Técnicos Superiores y Peritos Judiciales de Andalucía

Asociación para la Promoción de la Libertad y el Desarrollo Sostenible

Association "Paix" pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l'injustice

Association pour la défense des droits de développement durable et du bien-être familial

Association pour l'éducation, la santé et la promotion des femmes et des enfants au Cameroun

Beirut Institute

Campaign for Human Rights and Development Sierra Leone

Canadian Pugwash Group

Canterbury Business Association

Centre d'encadrement et développement des anciens combattants

Centre européen de recherche et de prospective politique

Centre for Community Regeneration and Development

China Society of Administrative Reform

Citizens United to Promote Peace and Democracy in Liberia

Count of Monte Alea Foundation

Dacia Revival International Society

Deaf Aid

Development Action for Women Network

"Dialogue of Cultures — United World" International Public Charity Fund

Dóchas: The Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations

Ethiopian Social Assistance Committee

Europäischer Interessenverband Handel-Gewerbe-Industrie

Fonds Tara

Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America

Founders Development Organization Badin

Friendship Ambassadors Foundation

Fundación Crisálida

Fundación Luz Maria

Ganja Agribusiness Association

Global Forum on Human Settlements

Global New Ca. Assessment Programme

Groupe d'action pour la promotion socioculturelle et l'alphabétisation: nouvelle énergie

Groupement romand d'études des addictions

Hazrat Javad-al-Aemeh Cultural Charity Institute

Health and Humanitarian Aid Foundation

Help4help

Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee

International Brain Education Association Foundation

International Development Information Organization-DevNet

International Geothermal Association Incorporated

International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association

International Islamic Youth League

International Thai Foundation

International Volunteer Organization for Women, Education and Development

Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center

Kawish Resource Center

Kids Included Together

Korean Association for Supporting the Sustainable Development Goals

League of Persons with Disabilities

Ligue marocaine de la citoyenneté et des droits de l'homme

Mayama

Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic

Mongolian Family Welfare Association

Mouvement national des jeunes patriotes du Mali

NABU — Knowledge Transfer Beyond Boundaries

New Progressive Alliance

Nigerian Network of Women Exporters of Services

Non-profit Non-Governmental Expert Society on Space Threat Defense

Northern Citizen Community Board

Observatoire mauritanien des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie

Organization for Research and Community Development

Peivande Gole Narges Organization

Peramangk Heritage Association

Rare

Réseau des plateformes d'organisations non gouvernementales d'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre

Reyhaneh Nabi Art and Cultural Center

Roshd Foundation

Sahkar Social Welfare Association

Samdong International Association

Sam Kader Memorial Fund

Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organization

Schools without Borders

Shia Rights Watch

Sindh Community Foundation

Society for Recovery Support

Society of Collective Interests Orientation

Solidarité Suisse-Guinée

Support Humanity Organization

United Deeds (Actions concertées)

Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Users and Survivors of Psychiatry in Kenya

Villages unis (United Villages)

Viridis Institute

Visión para el Desarrollo

Washington and Lee University

Well-Being Foundation

Women Support Center

Women's Empowerment Group

World Assembly of Youth

World Togolese Foundation

Zamani Foundation

New applications deferred

20. The Committee deferred its consideration of the applications of the following 79 organizations pending receipt of responses to questions posed by the Committee to the organizations during its 2015 regular session:

Akhil Bharatiya Sanskrutik Sangh

Ark Jammers Connection

Arseh Sevom

Azerbaijani American Cultural Association

Bangladesh Support Group

Beautiful Eves of Africa Organisation

Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes

Child Foundation

Corporation Global Together

Dansk Flygtningehjælp

Democracywatch

Development Generation Africa International

Disease Management Association of India

Ecumenical Alliance for Human Rights and Development

Egyptian Judges' Club

Engineers Without Borders USA

Environmental Degradation Organization of Nigeria

Ethnic Community Development Organization

Eurasia Reiyukai

European Muslims League

Federal Lezghin National and Cultural Autonomy

Feed The Children

Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute

Global Academy Institute of Technology Foundation

Global Community Health Foundation

Healthy Start Initiative

Heavenly Shower of Peace Church of God

Human Aid UK

Human Rights Sanrakshan Sansthaa

IDEAS Centre

India Water Foundation

Insan Dost Association

Instituto Igarapé

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care

International Association of Independent Journalists

International Center for Work and Family

International Civil Society Support

International-Lawyers.Org

International Police Commission Philippine Command Association

Kaushalya Gramodyog Sansthan

Korea Human Rights Foundation

Kottayam Social Service Society

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Liberia Youth Initiative for Peace and Sustainable Development

Light House

Maat Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights

Managing Committee of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences

Martina Centre for Sustainable Development

Muzaffarabad Poverty Alleviation Programme

National Alliance of Women

NGOs Computer Literacy Shelter Welfare, Rawalpindi cantonment

Participatory Development Action Program

Publication and Coordination Centre of Islamic Ideology and Sufism International

Peace and Life Enhancement Initiative International

Peace Islands Institute

Pukar Foundation

Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services

Rajasthan Samgrah Kalyan Sansthan

Raleigh-Ghana

Rights and Resources Institute

S.R. Institute of Development

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled

Sambhali Trust

Servicios Ecuménicos para Reconciliación y Reconstrucción

Shack Dwellers International (South Africa)

Shivi Development Society

Sukalyan Welfare Society

Support to Deprived Peoples

Sustainable Environment Development Initiative

Takaḥ Welfare Organization

Trakya Kalkinma Dernegi

USC Canada

Vier Pfoten International

WEConnect International

Women for Women, a Research and Study Group

World Academy of Art and Science

World Alliance of Peoples' Organisations

World Taoist Association

WorldTeach

Requests for reclassification

21. At its 4th and 9th meetings, on 29 January and 2 February, the Committee considered five requests for reclassification of consultative status: three new requests for reclassification, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/R.3, and two deferred requests, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.3.[2] It decided to recommend reclassification for two of the organizations, from special to general consultative status (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (b)).

22. At its 4th and 9th meetings, on 29 January and 2 February, the Committee decided to defer its consideration of the application for reclassification of status of the following three organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to them by the Committee:

United States Federation for Middle East Peace

Widows for Peace through Democracy

World Council for Curriculum and Instruction

Requests for a change of name

23. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, the Committee considered eight new requests for a change of name by organizations in consultative status, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/CRP.4.[2] The Committee decided to take note of the change of name of four of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following four organizations, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development

InnerCity Mission of Christ Embassy

International Catholics Organisation of the Media

Syriac Universal Alliance

24. At the same meeting, the Committee considered two deferred requests for a change of name by two organizations in consultative status (see E/C.2/2015/CRP.5).[2] The Committee decided to take note of the change of name of one of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision I, subpara. (c)). The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the request for a change of name by the following organization, pending the receipt of responses to questions posed to it by the Committee:

Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement

Requests for withdrawal of consultative status

25. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, the Committee took note of the requests by two non-governmental organizations for withdrawal of consultative status owing to the dissolution of their organizations (see chap. I, draft decision II).

III. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

A. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that had been deferred at the resumed session of the Committee

26. At its 9th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General containing a compilation of 35 quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status on their activities during the period 1998-2012, which had been deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (see E/C.2/2015/CRP.2).[2]

27. The Committee decided to defer to the resumed session further consideration of all 35 deferred quadrennial reports submitted by the following 27 organizations:

Amnesty International (2008-2011)

Armenian Assembly of America (2007-2010)

Asociatia Pro Democratia (2007-2010)

Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir (2009-2012)

Centrist Democratic International (1998-2001, 2002-2005, 2006-2009)

EarthRights International (2008-2011)

France libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand (2007-2010)

Freedom House (2007-2010)

Global Environmental Action (2009-2012)

Human Rights First (2007-2010)

Human Rights Watch (2009-2012)

International Development Enterprises (India) (2009-2012)

International Federation of Journalists (2005-2008, 2009-2012)

International PEN (2006-2009)

International Press Institute (2001-2004, 2005-2008)

International Shinto Foundation (2009-2012)

International Union of Socialist Youth (2005-2008)

National Council of Women of Thailand (2000-2003)

Reporters sans frontières international (2005-2008, 2009-2012)

Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (2009-2012)

Simply Help (2009-2012)

Society for Threatened Peoples (2001-2004, 2005-2008, 2009-2012)

Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (2007-2010)

Syriac Universal Alliance (2007-2010)

Ukrainian World Congress (2003-2006, 2007-2010)

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (2009-2012)

Women for Women's Human Rights: New Ways (2009-2012)

B. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

28. At its 9th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee considered agenda item 4 (b), Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council. It had before it notes by the Secretary-General containing 175 new quadrennial reports (E/C.2/2015/2 and E/C.2/2015/2/Add.1-12). The Committee took note of the quadrennial reports of 172 of the organizations (see chap. I, draft decision 1, subpara. (d)). The Committee decided to defer consideration of the reports of the following three organizations:

International Press Institute (2009-2012)

International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (2010-2013)

Kimse Yok Mu (2010-2013)

29. At its 11th meeting, on 3 February, the delegation of Cuba delivered a statement in which it expressed its reservations about the quadrennial reports submitted by three non-governmental organizations, namely, Ingenieurs du monde, Il Cenacolo and United Nations Watch. The reservations concerned certain politically motivated activities that had been carried out by the organizations during the reporting period and that contradicted the spirit and requisites established by the Council in resolution 1996/31. In addition, the delegation of Cuba stated that the upcoming trajectory of the organizations would be scrutinized in order to ensure full compliance with the resolution. The delegations of China, Nicaragua and the Sudan supported the statement made by the representative of Cuba. The representative of the United States stated that non-governmental organizations should be allowed to continue to carry out their valuable work at the United Nations and that her delegation did not support efforts to restrict them from doing so. The delegation of Israel supported the statement made by the representative of the United States.

IV. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

30. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Committee jointly considered agenda item 5, Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; agenda item 6, Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304; and agenda item 8, General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental

Organizations Informal Regional Network, and heard oral reports made by the Secretariat.

31. The Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, called for a review of the existing software applications that supported the Committee's work. The paperless committee platform, a document and record management retrieval system set up in 2008 to support the Committee's work, needed to be updated to further optimize the process, introduce new functionalities and incorporate the latest technology. The Office had developed a project proposal for the consideration of interested Member States.

V. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

Recommendations for improving the working methods of the Committee

32. Delegations requested additional time for the consideration of issues that could contribute to improving the working methods of the Committee. Informal consultations would be held to address the issues at a later stage.

Other related matters

33. At the 12th meeting, on 4 February, with regard to the meeting coverage of the work of the Committee by the Department of Public Information, the representative of China, following consultations with some members of the Committee, proposed that the press releases of the meetings of the Committee concerning the deferred applications should reflect in the chapeau the following text:

> "The Committee postponed consideration of the following xxx (number) organizations and requested that the organizations provide more information in response to the questions posed to them by the Committee."

34. The Committee agreed with the proposal presented by the representative of China.

VI. Consideration of special reports and complaints by Member States

35. There were no special reports for the Committee's consideration at the session.

VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

36. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 2015 regular session from 26 January to 4 February, and on 6 and 13 February. The Committee held 15 meetings.

37. The session was opened by the Chair of the 2014 session of the Committee, Gizem Sucuoğlu (Turkey), who served as temporary Chair.

38. At the 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Chair of the Committee, Jorge Dotta (Uruguay), made a statement. An introductory statement was made by the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination.

B. Attendance

39. The session was attended by all 19 members of the Committee. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, observers for non-member States, representatives of bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and observers for non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants will be issued in document E/C.2/2015/INF/1.

40. At its 2015 regular session, the Committee heard 18 representatives of non-governmental organizations, who were given the opportunity to respond to questions raised by the Committee. The additional information provided by the representatives facilitated the debate and the work of the Committee in taking its decisions.

C. Election of officers

41. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January, the Committee elected Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the Committee.

42. At the same meeting, the Committee elected Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) and Forouzandeh Vadiati (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chairs of the Committee. At its 8th meeting, on 2 February, the Committee elected Gizem Sucuoğlu (Turkey) as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

43. At its 10th meeting, on 3 February, it was decided that the Vice-Chair, Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan), would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

44. At its 1st meeting, on 26 January 2015, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its 2015 session, as contained in document E/C.2/2015/1. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;

   (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;

   (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:

   (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;

   (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.

5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:

   (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;

   (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;

   (c) Other related matters.

7. Consideration of special reports.

8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2016 session of the Committee.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

VIII. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its 2015 regular session

45. At its 14th meeting, on 6 February, the Committee took note of the draft report and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize the report with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the members of the Committee, as appropriate, with a view to submitting it to the Council for appropriate action.

46. At its 15th meeting, on 13 February, the Committee adopted the present report.